

R.N.W.

Edinburgh, Sept. 25, 1846.

My Beloved Friend:

55 Your note was received last evening, just as I was leaving the house to attend (with Douglass) our first public meeting in this city. The audience was considerably numerous, but not crowded, but will probably be much larger this evening. I gave a brief history of the American Anti-Slavery Society, and vindicated it and myself from the slanders which had been brought against it; and then proceeded to criminate and rebuke the Free Church, with special allusions to Chalmers, Candlish, and Cunningham. Frederick took up the Evangelical Alliance, and, as we say in America, "handled it without mittens." The applause was frequent and hearty, though there were a few serpents in the assembly who hissed. An invitation was given to any one to come forward, and defend either the Free

Frederick will not go with me

Church or the Alliance; but no one ventured to enter the lists.

On Tuesday evening, we had a very good meeting in Greenock; but a much larger and incomparably more spirited one at Paisley, on the next evening. On the whole, it surpassed every meeting I have witnessed on this side of the Atlantic. Cheers for the Paisley weavers!

This forenoon, we are to address our anti-slavery female coadjutors in this place. On Monday evening, we expect to address a public meeting in Dundee. We are talking about having another public meeting in Edinburgh, on Tuesday evening, but I shall try to evade it, and get to Glasgow, preparatory to our great meeting in that city on Wednesday evening. There will probably be another meeting held on Thursday evening. On Friday morning, we shall go to Belfast, and address a public meeting that evening, if our friends are disposed to appoint one. I have

just written to our friend John B. Keill,
to this effect. I hope to be in Dublin
some time during Sunday. It grieves
me, beyond all expression, to think that
I can remain with you and yours, only a
day or two, unless I give up my visit
to Cork, which place I am quite anxious
to see, even as a matter of curiosity. Of
course, I shall expect to address no public
meeting, either in Dublin or Cork, but
to enjoy the social circle of friends that
may wish to see me. Still, make what-
ever arrangements you please. If I had
better go to Cork, (and I think you will
say so,) pray write to our friends there,
and say I will be with them on Tuesday
evening, Oct. 6th, and remain till
Thursday morning, when I must return
to Dublin, and leave in the evening
packet of that day for Liverpool,
without fail, to meet Geo. Thomp-
son the next morning at Brown's ho-
tel, and proceed to Wrexham, Man-
chester and Rochdale, as a public meet-
ing is arranged in each of these places.
This plan is beyond alteration, and I
must govern myself accordingly.

Do not incur the trouble or ex-
pense of coming to Belfast, ~~because~~^{as} I
shall remain in that place less than
24 hours; but it will gladden my heart
to see you in Liverpool, just prior to my
embarkation. We are to have a grand
meeting in Liverpool on Monday evening,
Oct. 19th, (as the steamer, fortunately, is
not to sail till the 20th,) when we
must have Thompson, (he has promised
to be there,) Wright and Douglass, and
finish off "superbly."

Say to dear Henry, that I have
seen his letter to William Sewall, and
trust he has received the note I sent to
him, a day or two since. I should be
very glad to see him in Glasgow, next
week, of course; but would prefer to see
him in Dublin, and to have him go with
me to Cork. Let him remain, then, till
I come to Great Brunswick-street, where
certain great men reside. It will be
a great relief to his mind, to assure him
that, on mature consideration and a careful
survey of the whole ground, I am entirely
satisfied that he can do more by remain-
ing on this side of the Atlantic, this winter
by far, than by returning to the United States!
Love to your dear wife - &c. &c.
R.D. Webb. Faithfully yours, W.L. Garrison.